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March 30, 2011

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)

TPUC Docket No. 39000 – Application of Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. To Amend its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. § 26.418 and for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Provider Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. § 26.417

ETC Designation of Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. (AMENDMENT)

Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted an amendment to the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation of Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. (Mid-Tex or the Company). The attached Order No. 4, *Notice of Approval to Amend Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Provider*, TPUC Docket No. 39000, issued on March 2, 2011, grants Mid-Tex an amendment to its ETC designation to include thirteen additional telephone

wire centers of the non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC), Verizon Southwest. The thirteen wire centers are: Miles, Rowena, Ballinger, Winters, Coleman, Lake Brownwood, Bangs, Brownwood, Zephyr, Blanket, Comanche, Goldthwaite, and Gustine.

Also attached for your information is the affidavit of Mr. Mike Higgins, Jr., General Manager of Mid-Tex, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Mid-Tex.

If you require any additional information please contact me at (512)-936-7390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Kayser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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